

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e., [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. Canceled.
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6. (New) A retractable support stand for a snowmobile comprising:  
a slide channel mounted below a seat area the snowmobile in a horizontal fashion;  
an upright support member telescopingly mounted with said slide channel such that  
when said upright support member is at a forward end, it is fully stowed, and when said upright  
support member is at an aft end it is deployed and pivotally to such a position as to allow a  
snowmobile's drive track and suspension to be raised up off of the surrounding grade.
7. (New) The retractable support stand for a snowmobile of Claim 6, wherein said upright  
support member is further incorporated into a rear bumper.
8. (New) The retractable support stand for a snowmobile of Claim 6, wherein said upright  
support member terminates with a flexible plate spanning between a first cross member and

a second cross member to provide a significant enough footprint to prevent the retractable stand from penetrating into snow if the stand is being used under outdoor conditions.

9. (New) The retractable support stand for a snowmobile of Claim 8, wherein said flexible plate is selected from the group comprising KEVLAR(TM), nylon, and canvas type material.
10. (New) In a snowmobile, the improvement comprising:  
a snowmobile bumper in combination with a retractable support stand concealably deployable from said bumper.
11. (New) The improvement of Claim 10, wherein said retractable support stand comprises:  
a slide channel mounted below a seat area the snowmobile in a horizontal fashion;  
an upright support member telescoping mounted with said slide channel such that when said upright support member is at a forward end, it is fully stowed, and when said upright support member is at an aft end it is deployed and pivotally to such a position as to allow a snowmobile's drive track and suspension to be raised up off of the surrounding grade.
12. (New) The improvement of Claim 11, wherein said upright support member terminates with a flexible plate spanning between a first cross member and a second cross member to provide a significant enough footprint to prevent the retractable stand from penetrating into

snow if the stand is being used under outdoor conditions.

13. (New) The improvement of Claim 12, wherein said flexible plate is selected from the group comprising KEVLAR(TM), nylon, and canvas type material.